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June 1, 2022

Ms. Amy Bottoms
Legislative Fiscal Officer
434 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Amy:

Pursuant to Section 5-2 of Senate Resolution 4 (2021), as President of the Senate I hereby establish and appoint the **Interim Legislative Study Committee on Excellence, Innovation, and Technology at Historically Black Colleges and Universities** ("Study Committee"). The Study Committee shall be chaired by Senator Sonya Halpern and is authorized to start immediately and continue until **December 31, 2022**. The following members are appointed to the Study Committee:

Senator Sonya Halpern – **Chair**
323-B CLOB

Senator Jason Anavitarte
323-A CLOB

Senator Tonya Anderson
110-A State Capitol

Senator Butch Miller
321 State Capitol

Senator Valencia Seay
420-A State Capitol

Senator Freddie Powell Sims
121-E State Capitol

The Study Committee shall function as authorized in the attached addendum.

Please call on me or James Beal if you have questions regarding these appointments. Thank you.
Sincerely,

Geoff Duncan
Lieutenant Governor

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Copy to:

Senator Butch Miller, President Pro-Temp.
Mr. David Cook, Secretary of the Senate
Alex Azarian, Senate Research Office

Senator Mike Dugan, Majority Leader
Senator Gloria Butler, Minority Leader
Appointees

Addendum.

(1) **Creation of the interim legislative study committee.** There is created the Interim Legislative Study Committee on Excellence, Innovation, and Technology at Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

(2) **Powers and duties.** The Study Committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, and challenges facing Georgia's HBCUs and recommend any action or legislation which the Study Committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee shall be authorized to request the assistance of HBCUs located in Georgia, the University System of Georgia, and experts in higher education management on HBCUs and any other field that can assist the Study Committee in its functions.

(3) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the Study Committee. The Study Committee may conduct meetings at such places, including, but not limited to, Atlanta, Savannah, and Albany, and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish its objectives and purposes.

(4) **Allowances and Funding.**

(a) Legislative members of the Study Committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as authorized by Section 5-2 of Senate Resolution 4 (2021).

(b) The allowances authorized pursuant to this Appointment Letter shall not be received by any members of the Study Committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized by extension granted by the President of the Senate.

(5) **Report.**

(a) In the event the Study Committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this Appointment Letter, subject to subparagraph (c) of this paragraph.

(b) In the event the Study Committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (c) of this paragraph.

(c) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this Appointment Letter by majority vote of a quorum of the Study Committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with the Secretary of the Senate. Any member of the Study Committee may file a minority report that shall accompany the majority report.

(d) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary of the Senate copies of the minutes of the meetings of the Study Committee in lieu thereof.

(6) **Abolishment.** The Study Committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2022.